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For: METHODS FOR MEASURING AND DIAGNOSING ENDOTOXIN, SENSOR THEREFOR, AND

METHOD FOR PRODUCING AND REUSING THE SENSOR

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 10, 2004

Sir:

Prior to payment of the filing fees and examination of the above-identified application on the merits, the applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.